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FOR SIMULATED CAMPFIRE : DISCLOSURE

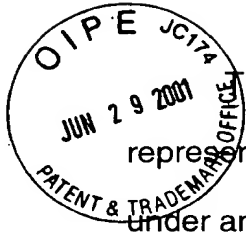
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Pursuant to Applicant's duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant is not aware of any specific prior art that relates to an apparatus used for creating a simulated campfire or methodology of creating a simulated campfire as described and claimed in the above-identified patent application. However, the references listed below have come to the attention of Applicant's attorney. Copies of these references are attached hereto and identified on PTO/SB/08A form.

<u>U.S. Patent No.</u>	<u>Inventor</u>	<u>Issue Date</u>
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The Examining Attorney will please note that Applicant makes no representation as to whether any of these references qualifies as prior art under any applicable provisions of 35 U.S.C. § 102 *et. seq.*

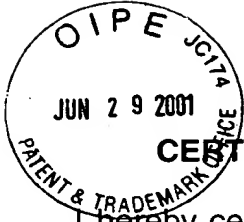
The identification of the above listed references should not be construed as an admission that any of the information cited herein is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(b). It is not believed that any of the information cited herein, taken either alone or in combination, fully or fairly discloses an apparatus for creating a simulated campfire, or methodology described and claimed in the present application.

Accordingly, Applicant believes that this application presents new, useful, and non-obvious technology and that the claims presented with this application are allowable. The Examiner is courtesy solicited to enter an expeditious allowance of this application. If any questions remain to be addressed, it is respectfully requested that the undersigned attorney of the Applicant be contacted at the number listed below.

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